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SUBJ: SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS

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1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS BEING FORWARDED BECAUSE
IT OBVIOUSLY CONTRADICTS THE IMPRESSIONS CREATED IN
REFTEL REGARDING THE STATUS OF SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS AS
OF DECEMBER 1976.

2. A U.S. MISSION OFFICER MET SOCIALLY IN LATE DECEMBER
1976 WITH THE SOVUET MISSION OFFICER OF REFTEL. THE
MISSION OFFICER TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE MEETING TO ASK THE
SOVIET OFFICER FOR CLARIFICATION OF HIS EARLIER COMMENTS
ON THE APPARENT IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE
SOVIET UNION AND THE PRC. THE SOVIET OFFICER SAID THAT
HIS EARLIER COMMENTS HAD BEEN ERRONEOUS. HE SAID THERE
HAD BEEN ABSOLUTELY NO IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS WITH THE
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PRC SINCE THE DEATH OF CHAIRMAN MAO. HE ADDED THAT THE
SINO-SOVIET BORDER TALKS IN PEKING HAD ALSO ACHIEVED
NOTHING; ALTHOUGH THE SOVIETS INTENDED TO CONTINUE TO
SEEK A SOLUTION TO THE BORDER PROBLEMS WITH CHINA. HE
EXCUSED THE OPTIMISM OF HIS EASTERN EUROPEAN COLLEAGUES
AS FOUNDED IN POOR SCHOLARSHIP. HE EXCUSED HIS OWN
FAULTY JUDGMENT AS DUE TO HIS MISREADING OF SIGNALS FROM

PEKING AND AN OVER-REACTION TO A FRIENDLY CONVERSA-
TION WITH THE PRC CHARGE.ABRAMS

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